

Auto Multiple Choice - Bug # 872: Module path lookup isn't robust enough for NixOS and some "portable" setups

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Created:	02/15/2023	Assignee:	
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Description:	<p>Hello Alexis,</p> <p>AMC on NixOS behaves like a "portable" distribution, where the whole package (including libs, docs, and so on) is stored isolated in a single directory (this is how Nix/NixOS works: there is no global state, no globally shared modules, but a "store" of packages and a ton of symlinks and env variables to bring all that together).</p> <p>This causes an issue: if for some reason, the system on which AMC runs has a @/lib@ directory, AMC will try to load its modules there, and fail. Changing the @MODSDIR@ variable at compilation doesn't help, because it also changes the installation directory's name, but AFAICT the main executable hardcodes the @lib@ name:</p> <pre>@ 51  \$mods_dir=catfile(\$base_dir,'lib');@</pre> <p>Idk enough Perl to offer a patch, but a simple fix could be to improve the test at line 44:</p> <pre>@ 44 if(! -d \$mods_dir) {@</pre> <p>By checking for the full path of, say, @AMC-gui.pl@, so @\$MODSDIR/perl/AMC-gui.pl@</p> <p>Thanks! Best regards, Thibault</p>		

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